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SUBJECT: ROAD WIDENING PROJECT, ARDENNES AMC

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1. BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REPLIED TO OUR MARCH 5 NOTE (REFTEL
AND COPIES MAILED ABMC AND ARDENNES AMC FOR MR DUFFY).

2. SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF REPLY IN EMBASSY SUMMARY TRANSLATION
KEYED TO LETTERED PARAS OF NOTE FOLLOW:

A. RECONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 26 METERS OF CEMETARY
ACCESS ROAD WILL BE UNDERTAKEN AS PART OF ROAD WIDENING
PROJECT.

B. AS THE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT WILL NOT CAUSE INCREASED
WATER RUNOFF FROM THE HIGHWAY, THE INSTALLATION OF A CROSS
ROAD DRAINAGE DOES NOT APPEAR NECESSARY.

C., D. AND F. THE VEGETATION AFFECTED WILL BE REPLACED AS
PART OF THE ROAD PROJECT.

E. THE TWO ENTRANCE PYLONS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED IN PRINCIPLE
BY THE ROAD PROJECT. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO THEIR
EVENTUALLY BEING SHIFTED AS PART OF THE WORK (TO BE UNDERTAKEN).

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3. BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS US SUGGESTION THAT INDIVIDUAL

BE DESIGNATED TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL DETAILS WITH ABMC ENGINEER
AND DESIGNATES MR GUIAUX, INGENIEUR PRINCIPAL DES PONTS ET
CHAUSSEES - CHIEF DE SERVICE A LA DIRECTION DES ROUTES DE LA
PROVINCE DE LIEGE, 2 RUE FORGEUR, LIEGE.

4. FYI. BELGIAN REPLY WAS HANDLED AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL,
MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. END FYI.
IT AGREES TO ALL OUR SUGGESTIONS EXCEPT FOR B, WHERE THERE IS
APPARENT TECHNICAL DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN ABMC AND BELGIAN
ENGINEERS ON POTENTIAL WATER RUNOFF PROBLEM. WE HOPE THAT
ABMC WILL ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH DESIGNATED RESPONSIBLE BELGIAN
OFFICIAL AND TRUST THAT ENGINEERS WORKING TOGETHER CAN RESOLVE
B AND ANY OTHER TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT ARISE. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED AS PROJECT DEVELOPES AND ARE
READY TO ASSIST WHEN NEEDED. COPIES OF BELGIAN REPLY
MAILED ABMC (MAJOR LANE) AND MR DUFFY. RENNER

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